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'At Amblecote we achieve because in our pupils we believe.'

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30 Hours Revised Funding Parent/Carer Agreement

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child accesses a 30 hour place at Ambecote Pre-school. We hope they are enjoying their extended hours. This letter outlines our **revised** offer to you and your child.

The free 30 hour entitlement is available to children if:

- A parent or both parents are working the equivalent of 16 hours per week at least at the national minimum or living wage
- A parent or parents earn less than £100,000 per year **each**, for dual parent households
- The entitlement extends to those who are self-employed
- One or both parents are temporarily away from work on maternity, paternity, parental or adoption leave
- One or both parents are temporarily away from work and in receipt of Statutory Sick Pay
- One parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or their own disability
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or is incapacitated and receiving specific benefits

Parent means a person with parental responsibility for the child or care of the child in cases where the parent has remarried or is living with a partner, the step-parent or partner must also meet the earnings threshold.

The current entitlement of 15 hours will remain for all parents who are not eligible for 30 hours (570 hours per year over 38 weeks during term time).

Application process and 'grace period'

- Parents can apply for the 30 hour entitlement through the parent portal on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. If you apply using Childcare Choices, you will be given a temporary code and can use this to check with your Local Authority that you are eligible. Then you will be given a permanent code when you are required to confirm your code.
- To continue accessing the 30 hours, parents will need to verify their eligibility at least every three months via the HMRC parent portal
- Parents who become unemployed will be permitted a 'grace period' whereby their child will still have access to 30 hours entitlement up to six weeks after they have changed circumstances to allow the parent time to find new employment. If the parent is not successful they will revert back to the standard 15 hours entitlement but Amblecote Pre-school will charge for hours taken that the child is not entitled to.

When you first applied for your child's 30 hour place an agreement was emailed to you that you signed and returned to us, it outlined the pre-Covid 19 agreement where a charge was applicable to fulfill the 30 hours to your child.

The 30 hours will now run daily Monday to Friday from 8.45-2.45 (these times add up to 30 hours) we expect 30 hour children to stay until 3.30pm at a cost of £3.50 per day (£17.50 per week) due to the remainder of

the school day not being funded by the 30 hours. Parents can choose to collect at 3.15pm but the £3.50 daily charge will still apply and we expect all children to be collected by 3.30pm.

The payment can be made by cash or through a balance transfer via Amblecote Primary school, you may also be eligible for Tax Free Childcare, see childcarechoices.gov.uk.

This is our offer and this is what we expect parents who are successful in this application to adhere to.

If you are not eligible or no longer require the 30 hour place please inform Mrs Perigo as soon as possible. You will have to re-apply in 3 months' time. You will need to check emails to confirm when your re-confirmation date is so that you are able to access the funding for the next term, if you do not re-confirm your eligibility then you will be charged by ourselves.

For queries about eligibility or confirmation contact Childcare Choices on 0300 1234 097 or for general enquiries 01384 814291.

Parent Agreement:

I have read and understand the revised Amblecote Pre-school 30 hours Funding Offer (as above)

This is my 11 digit code:

Parent Full Name:

Parent National Insurance Number:

Child's Date of Birth:

Parents/Carers signature:

Date: